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REF: KAHUL 2029

1. (L00) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO JOURNALISTS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.

2. SUMMARY:

A. (L00) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: KAHUL CITY WAS RELATIVELY QUIET WITH ONLY THREE NIGHTS OF INCOMING ROCKETS AND ONE PROTRACTED SUNFIGHT. PRESSURE AROUND THE CITY PERIMETER CONTINUED HOWEVER, WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GRADUALLY DEVELOPING MUJAHIDIN POSITION TO THE SOUTH AND POSSIBLY TO THE EAST. SOVIET FORCES CONTINUE TO MOUNT A MAJOR OPERATION IN LOGAR. THE FIGHTING THERE HAS DRAWN SUPPORT FROM NEIGHBORING MUJAHIDIN GROUPS. SOVIET FORCES CONTINUE TO DEPLOY TO LOGAR FROM KAHUL. KANDAHAR CITY IS REPORTED QUIET BUT TENSE DUE IN PART TO MARAIDING DRA TROOPS FROM JAUZJAN. A LATE OCTOBER SOVIET OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE MALAKIST AREA WEST OF KANDAHAR, APPEARS TO HAVE COME TO NAUGHT. IN ADDITION, SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN KAPIS, FERAT AND JALZJAN. MUJAHIDIN FROM MASOUD'S PANJSHIR COMMAND ARE INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ALONG THE SALANG HIGHWAY SOUTH OF THE TUNNEL. A RECORD NUMBER OF IL-76 TRANSPORT FLIGHTS INTO KAHUL OVER THE WEEK GENERATED SPECULATION AS TO THEIR PURPOSE. THE DRA AND SOVIETS WERE STUNG BY THEIR DEFEAT AT THE UN ON THE AFGHANISTAN RESOLUTION. COMMENTARY HAS BEEN MUTED BUT ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT IN THE DRA'S FAVOR MAY HAVE STRENGTHENED NAJIBULLAH'S OPPONENTS. A KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMAT SPECULATES THAT THE NEW FLOOD IN THE PARTY, RECRUITED LARGELY UNDER NAJIBULLAH'S TENURE, MAY MITIGATE FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES. THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLAN TO BEGIN INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHTS THROUGH KAHUL TO TASHKENT NOW APPEARS IN DOUBT. THE FUEL CRISIS APPEARS TO BE EASING WITH PRIVATE CARS NOW ALLOWED INTO THE GAS LINES FOR TWO HOURS PER DAY.

B. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS ON THE SQRJAI ARE MAY PRESAGE DIRECT PRESSURE ON EASTERN KAHUL. END SUMMARY.

3. (L00) KAHUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: WHILE REFUSING TO DESCRIBE IT AS A CURFEW, THE DRA HAS ADVISED DIPLOMATS INFORMALLY TO BE OFF KAHUL STREETS BY 2200 HOURS. ALSO REFLECTING SECURITY CONCERNS, AUTHORITIES HAVE WARNED SHOPKEEPERS THAT THEY ARE

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RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOUND NEAR THEIR ENTERPRISES. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES AND PARCELS. DESPITE SUCH WARNINGS, KAHUL APPEARED GUILTY THIS WEEK WITH REDUCED SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE CITY (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 14 - SEE BELOW); AND INCOMING ROCKETS REPORTED ONLY THREE NIGHTS. SECURITY CHECKPOINTS, OVERALL, WERE LESS AGGRESSIVE AND LESS NUMEROUS THAN THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S HEIGHTENED SECURITY MIGHT HAVE BEEN RELATED TO NAJIMULLAH'S ABSENCE IN MOSCOW. SOVIET UNITS CONTINUED TO STEP-UP PERIMETER DEFENSE MEASURES. IN ADDITION TO OVERNIGHT DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET ARMOR DEFENDING THE AIRPORT, SOVIET TROOPS ARE CONSTRUCTING A NEW DEFENSIVE POSITION NEAR PERIMETER ROAD. AFGHANS AND DIPLOMATS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING

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SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

-- NOVEMBER 14: AN EVENING EXPLOSION AT THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY FIFTH DIRECTORATE COMPOUND (AND PRISON) IN DARULAMAN RATTLED WINDOWS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF FOUR ROCKETS FIRED INTO DARULAMAN FROM THE SOUTH DURING THE EVENING. BETWEEN 0700 AND 0830 DIPLOMATS HEARD A FRUSTRATED EXCHANGE OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE BETWEEN SEVERAL POINTS IN THE SHAR NAU SECTION.

-- NOVEMBER 13: AT 1200 A LARGE PLUM WENT OFF TO THE EAST OF THE AIRPORT PRODUCED A COLUMN OF BLACK SMOKE. SHORTLY AFTER THE PLUM, SIRENS WERE HEARD IN THE AREA.

-- NOVEMBER 12: AT 2130 HOURS, AN EXPLOSION, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY A ROCKET, SHOOK THE KHAIK KHANA AREA.

-- NOVEMBER 11: THE CITY WAS BLACKED OUT BETWEEN 1010 AND 1020, WITH SOME PORTIONS OF THE CITY NOT RECEIVING ELECTRICITY FOR SEVERAL HOURS. WHILE THE CITY WAS WITHOUT LIGHTS A SEARCH BEAM ON HIRI MARI HILL SWEEP ACROSS THE CITY. APPROXIMATELY 20 RED AND GREEN SIGNAL FLARES WERE OBSERVED ABOVE THE ARG PALACE AND RADIO AFGHANISTAN COMPLEX.

-- NOVEMBER 9: TWO ROCKETS STRUCK THE DARULAMAN AREA. ONE DESTROYED AN ELECTRIC Pylon. THE SECOND HIT A HOUSE SETTING IT AND AN ADJACENT STORAGE AREA ABLAZE.

-- NOVEMBER 6: A ROCKET STRUCK A RESIDENTIAL AREA NEAR THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE KILLING FOUR.

4. (LOW) KAPUL PROVINCE: FIGHTING IN THE PROVINCE DURING THE WEEK WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY INCREASED SOVIET/CRA ATTENTION TO AN APPARENTLY GROWING MUJAHIDIN PRESENCE AND THREAT TO THE SOUTH. WHILE A MAJOR SOVIET OFFENSIVE IN LOGAR SOUTH OF KAPUL CONTINUED INTO ITS THIRD WEEK (SEE PARA 5) AFGHAN REPORTS AND OBSERVATIONS BY DIPLOMATS INDICATED SIGNIFICANT MUJAHIDIN-INITIATED ACTION IN SOUTHERN KAPUL PROVINCE. MUJAHIDIN REMAINED ACTIVE TO THE WEST AND EAST. TO THE NORTH, IN THE SHOKILI BASIN, SOVIET ARTILLERY POUNDED SUSPECTED MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS.

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A. KABUL SOUTH: A RELIABLE AFGHAN REPORTS MUJAHIDIN. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 14, ATTACKED SOVIET POSITIONS IN AND NEAR LAKADARA, SITE OF A MAJOR SOVIET ENCAMPMENT. DIPLOMATS NOTED PARACHUTE CLUSTER FLARES OVER THE AREA DURING THE EVENING. ACCORDING TO A GOOD DIPLOMATIC OBSERVER, MUJAHIDIN, NOVEMBER 12, CLASHED WITH SOVIET/DRA TROOPS AT CHAHAR ASIAH (25 KMS SOUTH OF KABUL CITY). SOVIET/DRA FORCES SUFFERED 30 TROOPS KILLED. ON NOVEMBER 9, MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A SOUTH-MOUND DRA CONVOY IN THE VICINITY OF CHAHAR ASIAH INFLECTING FOUR DRA CASUALTIES. ON NOVEMBER 8, TWO MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN DALA-I-QALZI.

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A VILLAGE SEVEN KMS SOUTHWEST OF KARUL.

D. KABUL WEST: DIPLOMATS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY FIVE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER SALVOS FROM THE KARUL AIRPORT AREA WHICH IMPACTED IN THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF PAFGHAN FROM 1740 TO 1755. NOVEMBER 15. MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED CPA POSITIONS ON THE PAFGHAN PLAIN (WEST OF KARGHA LAKE) ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 11. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT ON NOVEMBER 9 MUJAHIDIN OPERATING FROM SOUTHWEST OF PAFGHAN FIRED 20 ROCKETS INTO THE PIR HALLAD AREA. ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE AFGHAN SOURCES, FIGHTING WAS HEAVY NEAR THE LARYA-E-PAFGHAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 8. HELICOPTERS WHICH LEFT KARUL HEADING WEST DURING THE EVENING MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 NOVEMBER 6, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED SOVIETS ATTEMPTING TO EXTRACT A TANK WHICH HAD BECOME Mired IN MUD ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF KARGHA LAKE.

C. KABUL EAST: ON NOVEMBER 11, FROM 1600 TO 1720, MULTIPLE ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE WAS OBSERVED IMPACTING ON THE WESTERN SLOPES OF THE SAWGAR GHAR AND KHANJAL GHAST MOUNTAIN RANGES, WEST OF SORUBI. THE FIRE WAS VERY CONCENTRATED.

B. KABUL NORTH: DURING MUCH OF THE WEEK, SOVIET ARTILLERY BASED IN KAR92-1-MIR (34°38'N 69°03'E) AND HUSAIN KOT (34°41'N 69°05'E) HUMPHRED SUSPECTED MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS IN THE SHAK-CHARA, GULLCARA AND PAFGHAN (RANUF) AREAS. ON NOVEMBER 11, SEVERAL SOVIET TROOPS WERE INJURED WHEN THEY DETONATED MINES IN THE LASHT-I-CHENTARA AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTHWEST OF KHAIR KHANA PASS, THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO KARUL CITY. ON NOVEMBER 7, ACCORDING TO AN EYEWITNESS, SIX SOVIET TROOPS WERE KILLED IN AN AM-USF IN THE HILLS ABOVE KHAIR KHANA PASS.

A. (LUG) LOGAR: MAJOR FIGHTING IN LOGAR ENTERED ITS THIRD WEEK, DRAWING SIGNIFICANT SOVIET AND MUJAHIDIN RESOURCES FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA. LARGE SOVIET ARMORED AND SUPPLY CONVOYS MOVED SOUTH FROM THE CITY ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS. MEANWHILE, RELIABLE REPORTS INDICATE THAT MUJAHIDIN FROM OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE ARE JOINING LOCAL FORCES TO COUNTER THE SOVIET OFFENSIVE. AT AZRO (34°09'N 69°36'E), MUJAHIDIN FROM SAYYAF, KASHANI AND MUJAHIDIN GROUPS AND WELL AS FORCES FROM BAKDAR PROVINCE FOUGHT JOINTLY AGAINST THE SOVIETS. IN ADDITION TO THE FIGHTING AT AZRO, INTENSE CLASHES ALSO WERE REPORTED

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IN THE DUMANDI AREA (33°56'N 69°16'E). MUJAHIDIN  
APPEAR TO BE IN FORCE AT PARAKI HAKAK (33°58'N  
68°57'E). DIPLOMATS NOTED THE FOLLOWING SOVIET  
COLUMN MOVEMENT SOUTH OF THE CITY TOWARD AND FROM  
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-- NOVEMBER 13: APPROXIMATELY 70 SOVIET VEHICLES,  
INCLUDING T-62'S, BMP'S, PTR'S, BM-21'S AND TOWED  
U-3C GUNS MOVED SOUTH BETWEEN 0430 AND 0500.  
APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COLUMN RETURNED TO  
THE CITY, APPEARING DUSTY BUT UNDAMAGED, 1430-1500  
THE SAME DAY. AT 1400, A DUSTY SOVIET SUPPLY CONVOY  
(VEHICLE UNIT ID 301) RETURNED FROM THE LOGAR ROAD.  
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-- NOVEMBER 11: BETWEEN 1815 AND 1850 A SOVIET CONVOY COMPRISING T-62 TANKS, 120MM MORTARS, MTR'S, TOWED GUNS AND A MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER MOVED INTO THE CITY FROM THE LOGAR ROAD. LATER, AT 1445, TEN T-62'S RETURNED FROM THE LOGAR ROAD DIRECTION. IN THE MORNING, A MAJOR SOVIET ARMOR/SUPPLY COLUMN INCLUDING A AMMO COMPONENT (VEHICLE UNIT ID 1034) CLOGGED TRAFFIC ON PERIMETER ROAD. IT MOVED SOUTH VIA THE LOGAR ROAD.

6. (LNU) KANDAHAR: A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT WHILE FIGHTING OUTSIDE THE CITY CONTINUES, PARTICULARLY IN THE MALAJAT AREA TO THE WEST. FIGHTING INSIDE THE CITY IS LIMITED. SOVIET/DRA AUTHORITIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE SOME AREAS OF THE CITY INCLUDING A TEXTILE MILL. IN THE MALAJAT, BETWEEN OCTOBER 14 AND 15, A SOVIET BRIGADE WAS JOINED BY DRA TROOPS IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST MUJAHIDIN IN THE AREA. INSIDE THE CITY, RECENT REPORTS CONFIRM EARLIER ONES ABOUT A BATTALION OR MORE OF DRA TROOPS FROM JAUZJAN, REPORTED TO BE PARTIAL IN DEALINGS WITH THE LOCAL POPULACE. THE TROOPS REPORTEDLY ARE ILLITERATE AND ARE REFERRED TO BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE AS "JUNGALIS", MEANING FROM THE FORESTS. THEY HAVE CONDUCTED FERRISALS AGAINST LOCAL CIVILIANS INCLUDING ENTERING HOMES AND MISTREATING OCCUPANTS. ON NOVEMBER 6, IN RETALIATION FOR THE KILLING OF A JAUZJAN OFFICER IN THE CITY, JAUZJANI TROOPS OPENED FIRE IN A CIVILIAN AREA KILLING FOUR TO FIVE CIVILIANS.

7. (LNU) PAKTIKA: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A HUNGER SAKHJUI UNIT, NOVEMBER 6, NEAR KHOST KILLING FOUR TROOPS. FIVE DEFECTED TO THE ATTACKING MUJAHIDIN. ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, ON NOVEMBER 3, REINFORCEMENT DRA TROOPS TRAVELLED TO KHOST. IN KHOST, MUJAHIDIN ROCKETED THE TROOPS AS THEY ASSEMBLED IN A FIELD AWAITING DEPLOYMENT, KILLING 35 AND WOUNDING 26. A SENIOR SOVIET ADVISOR WITH THE UNIT ALSO WAS WOUNDED AND WAS FLOWN TO KABUL WHERE HE LATER DIED. A SEPARATE SOURCE REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED KHOST AIRPORT AT THE END OF OCTOBER (NO FURTHER INFORMATION).

8. (LNU) PAKTIKA: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED TWO PAT-OLLING SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES IN URGU NOVEMBER 8.

9. (LNU) PARMAN: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS

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INCREASED MUJAHIDIN ACTIVITY ON THE SALANG HIGHWAY SOUTH OF THE TUNNEL AND IN THE CHIKAR AREA. SOME OF THE MUJAHIDIN INVOLVED IN RECENT ATTACKS HAVE MOVED FROM THE PANJSHIR TO HARASS SOVIET/REGIME TRAFFIC ON THE SALANG. ON NOVEMBER 13, ACCORDING TO A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY NEAR CHIKAR INFLECTING 20-25 SOVIET CASUALTIES. ON NOVEMBER 6, MUJAHIDIN FROM MASOUD'S ORGANIZATION ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY DESTROYING FIVE VEHICLES (ONE BURNED). NEAR JAM-E US SARAJ, MUJAHIDIN OFTEN SEIZE REGIME FUEL TRUCKS GIVING DRIVERS A RECEIPT NOTING THE RATE OF THE FUEL. A RELIABLE AFGHAN REPORTS REFUGEES FROM KALAKAN (34°47'N 69°09'E) CLAIM THAT SOVIET ARTILLERY AND BT

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FIRE FROM SOVIET TANKS IN OCTOBER DESTROYED THEIR VILLAGE DRIVING THE POPULATION OUT. ONE REFUGEE CLAIMED PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FOUR CIVILIANS KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED.

10. (L00) NANGHAR: ACCORDING TO A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE, NANGHAR AIRLINES HAS CANCELLED ALL FLIGHTS TO KALALAHAD FROM KAPUL SINCE AT LEAST NOVEMBER 7. THE CITY REPORTEDLY IS RELATIVELY QUIET BUT SUFFERS SEVERE POWER SHORTAGES.

11. (L00) HERAT: IN EARLY NOVEMBER, A DIPLOMAT REPORTS, MUJAHIDIN SCORED A MAJOR VICTORY IN TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING WEST OF HERAT CITY NEAR THE FAMED HERAT MINARETS. SOVIET FORCES LOST AT LEAST 20 DEAD WHILE, AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 12 DKA DEAD HAD BEEN RETURNED FROM THE FIGHTING.

12. (L00) KUNDUZ: A RESIDENT FROM KUNDUZ REPORTS THAT THE CITY POPULATION HAS RISEN IN RECENT YEARS DUE TO THE INFUX FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE OF REFUGEES SEEKING TO ESCAPE THE FIGHTING. HE SAID THAT SOVIET PERSONNEL ARE SEEN ONLY OCCASIONALLY INSIDE THE CITY. TRAVEL BETWEEN KUNDUZ AND KARUL CURRENTLY IS ONLY OVERLAND AND REQUIRES A FULL DAY. BUSES DEPART KARUL AT 0700 AND REACH KUNDUZ AT 1700.

13. (L00) GHAZNI: ON NOVEMBER 4, ACCORDING TO REGULAR AFGHAN SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A DKA POST AT KHOGI YER - HACH (NEAR GHAZNI CITY) KILLING TEN DKA TROOPS.

14. JAMZUJAN: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS HEAVY FIGHTING AT SANGHOKHAN (35°52'N 66°26'E) ON NOVEMBER 6. MUJAHIDIN DOWNED ONE SOVIET AIRCRAFT IN THE FIGHTING. SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE RETALIATORY BOMBING IN THE AREA.

15. (L00) PAKH: RECENT FOREIGN VISITORS TO BOTH KAPUL-A-SHAPIF AND PAKH CITY DESCRIBED THE CITIES AS "DANGEROUS" NOTING INCOMING ROCKETS IN BOTH LOCATIONS DURING THEIR VISITS.

16. (L00) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

A. IL-76 ARRIVALS: DURING THE WEEK, 50 IL-76 TRANSPORTS ARRIVED IN KAPUL, THE HIGHEST VOLUME IN MEMORY. THE UNPRECEDENTEDLY HIGH NUMBER OF ARRIVALS FOLLOWS A PREVIOUS HIGH TOTAL FOR ARRIVALS OF 41 LAST

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WEEK. DIPLOMATS HAVE OBSERVED WHAT APPEAR TO BE  
NEWLY ARRIVING TROOPS IN KARUL DURING THE WEEK  
(CARRYING IN GREAT COATS WITH PERSONAL BAGGAGE AND  
WEIGHT WEAPONS) AND WHAT APPEAR TO BE DEPARTING  
TROOPS (DRESSED SIMILARLY). (MANY OF THE ARRIVING  
TROOPS APPEAR TO BE CENTRAL ASIANS) WHILE THE HEAVY  
AIR TRAFFIC MAY SIMPLY BE IN SUPPORT OF A TROOP  
ROTATION, AN ALTERNATE OR SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATION  
MAY BE THAT THE AIRCRAFT ARE RELAYING SUPPLIES FOR  
EXPANDED WINTER OPERATIONS.

8. SOVIETS EVACUATED HAILYAN: IN THE WAKE OF REPORTS  
(REFTEL AND PREVIOUS) OF RECENT SOVIE/URR DEPLOYMENT  
TO THE HAILYAN CITY AREA, THERE IS A VERY RELIABLE  
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REPORT THAT SOVIET FORCES WHICH HAD BEEN STATIONED IN THE CITY EVACUATED FIXED POSITIONS IN THE AREA IN JULY. THEIR RECENT WITHDRAWAL MAY REFLECT INABILITY OF REMAINING U.S. TROOPS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL.

U.S. CPA RY SCALE: A U.S. LIGHTWEIGHT RECENTLY REPORTED HIS MONTHLY RY TO BE 5,500 AFGHANIS (ABOUT 31 DOLLARS U.S. AT FREE MARKET RATES) WHILE LISTED PERSONNEL GENERALLY EARN BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,000 AFGHANIS.

U.S. HAWAII: ACCORDING TO TRUCKERS AND OTHER REGULAR TRAVELLERS, AS SOVIET AND U.S. CONTROL OVER MAJOR ROUTES INTERESTED, HAWAII, WITH NO ALLEGIANCE TO THE REGIME UP TO THE MUJAHIDIN ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMMON, NOTABLY ON THE KAHUL TO JALALABAD ROAD. THE HAWAII FREQUENTLY SHARE SOME OF THEIR MOOTY WITH LOCAL VILLAGES IN EXCHANGE FOR A REQUEST TYPE OF LOCAL TOLERANCE AND SUPPORT. SOURCES CLAIM THE PROBLEM IS WORSENING.

U.S. HAWAII: A HAWAII WAS OBSERVED ON PERIMETER FOUR NOVEMBER 12 WITH TWO-ON ARMOR ON ITS UPPER FORWARD HULL. THE ARMOR CONSISTED OF VERTICAL LOUVERES, SLANTED TO THE REAR. THE ARMOR RETAINED THE SAME CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN AS THE VEHICLE. VERY FEW OF THE HAWAII'S SEEN IN KAHUL THIS FAR HAVE THE NEW ARMOR.

F. ROAD SECURITY: A JOURNEY FROM SAMANGAY TO KAHUL VIA THE SELANGI REQUIRES SIX HOURS, ACCORDING TO A SAMANGAY RESIDENT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 20 SOVIET CHECKPOINTS ON THE ROUTE WITH THE LARGEST LOCATED JUST NORTH OF KHAIR KHANA PASS IN THE SHUVALI BASIN. THE TEN-HOUR JOURNEY BETWEEN KAHUL AND JALALABAD IS SLOWED BY POOR ROAD CONDITIONS. MOST TRANSPORT IS BY BUS AS PRIVATE CARS TEND TO BE FIRED AND GENERALLY HAVE DIFFICULTY NEGOTIATING THE HEAVY SURFACED ROAD.

#### 17. (LOW) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. SOVIETS AND U.S. SUFFER MAJOR REPEAT AT LAGA: THE FAILURE OF THE SOVIETS AND U.S. TO REDUCE THE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE JALALABAD AFGHANISTAN RESOLUTION AND INCEED THE LOSS OF ANOTHER VOTE HAS GENERATED "SHOCK" IN THE U.S. FOREIGN MINISTRY, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE WITH CONTACTS IN THE MINISTRY. THE VOTE COUNT (123 VOTES FOR THE RESOLUTION, 19 AGAINST AND 11 ABSTENTIONS/ABSENTS) HAS YET TO BE REPORTED, IN THE

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URA MEDIA, THOUGH A NEGATIVE PRESS COMMENTARY ON THE  
APPEAR IN THE PRESS NOVEMBER 14-15, FOUR DAYS AFTER  
THE VOTE. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE LOSS WILL  
STRENGTHEN OPPONENTS OF GENERAL SECRETARY NAJIBULLAH  
AND HIS "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" POLICY. SOME WILL  
SAY THIS POLICY NOW HAS MET WITH REJECTION BOTH AMONG  
AFGHANS AND WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IT  
IS UNKNOWN WHETHER THE IMPULS WILL BE TOWARD A  
TOUGHER, MORE MILITANT LINE ADVOCATED BY SOME  
KARMAKIST AND KHALQI ISOLATIONISTS OR TOWARD A GENUINELY  
CONCILIATORY APPROACH. A REPORTEDLY NON-PARTY  
NEUTRALIST GROUP HERE IRONICALLY SUFFERED A MAJOR  
LOSS WITHIN HOURS OF THE VOTE WITH THE DEATH OF A  
PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE GROUP, BAZL NAHAI PAZHAWAK.

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FORMER DECTOR OF KANUL UNIVERSITY AND BROTHER OF ABUL RAHMAN FAZLWALA.

4. FAILURE OF DR. "PEACE REIGIONS" POLICY? DR. MELIA, NOVEMBER 4, REPORTED A CLASH IN FARAF PROVINCE, WHICH LIES IN THE ONE MONTH AGO WAS PROCLAIMED BY THE PEOPLE - "PEACE ZONE." ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, "SECURITY FORCES"... "CRUSHED" 12 ENEMIES AND CAPTURED A LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS.

5. ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO "WITHDRAWAL": OBSERVERS NOTE THAT SINCE HIS RETURN FROM MOSCOW, NAJIBULLAH HAS FAILED TO MENTION THE TERM "WITHDRAWAL" IN ANY OF A NUMBER OF LENGTHY SPEECHES. SIMILARLY, IN A LONG SPEECH MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHIEVIK REVOLUTION, SOVIET AMBASSADOR MUZHYEV FAILED TO MENTION "WITHDRAWAL" OF SOVIET TROOPS.

6. A CHANGING PAPER: A COMMUNIST DIPLOMAT HAS OBSERVED THAT THE RECENT INJECTION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF MEMBERS INTO THE PARTY MAY CONSTITUTE AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER AWAY FROM THE OLD KHALI AND PAKHAMI FACTIONAL ELITES TOWARD A LESS IDEOLOGICAL, YOUNGER MAJORITY WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT WITHOUT UNITY THE PARTY HAS NO CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL. THE DIPLOMAT CLAIMS THAT OLD, SENIOR IDEOLOGUES COME AROUND 20,000 AND ARE VASTLY OUTNUMBERED BY NEW JUNIOR PARTY MEMBERS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NAJIBULLAH'S RECENT ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND THE PARTY ROLLS, SUCH AS SHORTENING THE LENGTHY PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR MEMBERSHIP, PLUS HIS EXPANSION OF THE ROLES OF THE ALLIED AFGHAN WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AND DEMOCRATIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AFGHANISTAN, MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO DILUTE THE FACTIONAL DISPUTES THAT HAVE DIVIDED THE PARTY SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

#### 14. (LOC) SOVIETIZATION:

A. AFGHAN STUDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION: IN A NOVEMBER 7 SPEECH TO AFGHAN STUDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION NAJIBULLAH PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS REGARDING AFGHAN STUDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION: NAJIB SAID THAT OUT OF OVER 10,000 AFGHANS NOW STUDYING IN "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES," OVER 8,000 ARE STUDYING IN THE SOVIET UNION. (THESE FIGURES INCLUDE MILITARY TRAINEES.) OUT OF 2300 STUDENTS SENT AROUND FOR STUDY IN "FRIENDLY" COUNTRIES ANNUALLY, 1-50 ARE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. THIS NUMBER IS IN ADDITION TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION

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FOR "HOLISLY." IN THE SPEECH, NAJIBULLAH UNDERSCORED THE IDEOLOGICAL MISSION OF EACH STUDENT, OBSERVING: "ONE WHO STUDIES POORLY HAS AN IRRESPONSIBLE APPROACH TOWARDS THE REVOLUTION." IN A SEPARATE SPEECH, NAJIB NOTED THAT OVERALL, AFGHAN STUDENTS IN THE USSR HAD A COMPARATIVE UNDEVELOPED AVERAGE.

THE STATE MINISTER FOR SOVIET REPUBLIC AFGHAN PROVINCE LINGA DESIGNATED: THE "FULL NEW TIMES (NOVEMBER 11) NOTED THE DESIGNATION OF SAYED AKRAM HAIGAR AS "STATE MINISTER FOR DIRECT COOPERATION" BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN PROVINCES AND SOVIET ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS). THIS UNDERSCORES THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF PROVINCE-TO-PROVINCE ECONOMIC/SOCIAL

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19. (CCU) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS:

A. ANNOUNCED INDIA FLIGHTS TO TASHKENT VIA KAHUL:  
A KAHUL, KAHUL SOURCE CLAIMS THE MARGINAL ECONOMIC  
JUSTIFICATION FOR INAGURATION OF A NEW  
KAHUL-KAHUL-TASHKENT AIR ROUTE WILL PROBABLY DELAY  
THE PROJECT INDEFINITELY. SOURCE NOTED THAT EXCEPT  
FOR LARGELY SEASONAL STUDENT TRAVEL TRAFFIC ON THE  
PROPOSED ROUTE APPEARED INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THE  
LINK. AT BEST THE FLIGHT WOULD ONLY BE A  
CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING KAHUL TO NEW DELHI  
ROUTING. INDIA AIRLINES HAS DISCONTINUED ITS WEEKLY  
IL-76 AIRPLANE CHARTER FROM KAHUL TO NEW DELHI,  
REPLACING IT WITH TWO WEEKLY A-727 FLIGHTS WHICH HAVE  
INCREASED THE CARGO CAPACITY FROM 30 TONS WEEKLY TO  
36 TONS. THE CARGO BACKLOG IN NEW DELHI (DESTINED  
FOR KAHUL) IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 10-15 DAYS. DOWN FROM  
OVER ONE MONTH DURING THE REDUCED INDIAN AIRLINES  
SERVICE TO KAHUL IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER.

B. FUEL CRISIS LATEST: GASOLINE AND DIESEL SALES TO  
THE PUBLIC RESUME IN KAHUL. SOME SOURCES INDICATE  
FUEL WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR TWO HOURS PER DAY.  
GAS LINES ARE STILL LONGER AND ARE SHORTER. DURING  
THE FUEL SHORTAGE (NOW IN ITS FOURTH WEEK) PRIVATE  
VEHICLE OWNERS HAVE BEEN DEPENDENT ON FREE MARKET  
SUPPLY WHICH, IN TURN, HAS BEEN DEPENDENT ON BLACK  
MARKET SALES OF FUEL FROM SALE OF SOVIET MILITARY  
STOCKS BY SOVIET TROOPS. DURING THE WEEK SOVIET  
OFFICERS AND EXISTING PERSONNEL SOLD OFF 20,000  
LITERS OF FUEL IN THE KAHUL KAHUL AREA TO PRIVATE  
CONSUMERS. THE GOING PRICE WAS 350 TO 400 AFGHANIS  
PER GALLON OR ROUGHLY FIVE TIMES THE STATE PRICE.  
THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF PURCHASERS.

C. AFGHAN-U.S. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE: AS OF  
NOVEMBER 14, ONE U.S. DOLLAR PURCHASED 174 AFGHANIS  
ON THE KAHUL FREE MARKET, OR ROUGHLY THE SAME LEVEL  
SEEN SINCE EARLY AUGUST.

20. MEDIA:

A. WESTERN MEDIA: RECENT JOURNALISTS VISITING  
AFGHANISTAN REPORTEDLY SPARE RELATIVE IMPRESSIONS. A  
JOURNALIST WHO HAS MADE FREQUENT VISITS SINCE THE  
1970s COULD SAY HE HAD NEVER SEEN AS MUCH ANXIETY AS

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2. RESERVE MEDIA: The LRA MEDIA CONTINUE TO REFLECT  
RESERVE CONFUSION REGARDING CLAIMS OF REFUGEE  
RETURNS: THE NOVEMBER 12 AMAL NEW TIMES REPORTED  
THAT NAJIBULLAH CLAIMED IN HIS NOVEMBER 6 MOSCOW  
PRESS CONFERENCE THAT OVER 100,000 REFUGEES HAD  
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RETURNED TO AFGHANISTAN. THE SAME EDITION OF THE KNT  
REPORTED THAT KANDAHAR TOLD AFGHAN STUDENTS IN  
MOSCOW THAT THE THE NUMBER OF RETURNEES WAS "OVER  
40,000."

20. SOVIET MEDIA: ON OCTOBER 28 SOVIET TELEVISION  
BROADCAST CARRIED REPORTAGE AND COMMENTARY ON  
KANDAHAR. THE REPORT STATED THAT KANDAHAR SUFFERED  
MORE THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN AFGHANISTAN, PARTIALLY  
BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORY OF RESISTANCE TO CENTRAL  
AUTHORITY. "ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST YEAR"...IT  
NOTED..."IN KANDAHAR WE'VE FOUND THE STRONGEST  
OPPOSITION GROUPS." "ALL LEADERS ARE REJECTING  
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION." THE COMMENTARY CALLED FOR  
THE "DESTRUCTION" OF THESE ELEMENTS.

21. (C) NOT TO BE RELEASED TO PRESS: AN INFORMED  
DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REACTED TO RECENT MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS  
IN THE SUPURI AREA BY OBSERVING THAT IT COULD PRESAGE  
MORE DIRECT PRESSURE ON KANDU. NOTING THAT MUJAHIDIN  
STRATEGY IN THE AREA WAS FIRST TO WEAKEN SOVIET/DRA  
DEFENSES IN THE SUPURI AREA THEN TO MOUNT DIRECT  
PRESSURE ON KANDU, KANDU.

22. MOSCOW MEDIAIZE CONSIDERED. GLASSMAN  
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